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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC FLAT IN OCTOBER
DOWN 4.6 PER CENT IN FIRST TEN MONTHS

WASHINGTON, D.C., November 20--Domestic and international scheduled airline traffic decreased 0.4 per cent in October compared with October 1980, and was down 4.6 per cent through the first 10 months of 1981, the Air Transport Association reported today.

In domestic service, revenue passenger miles decreased 1.5 per cent from October of last year. Passenger load factor for the month was 56.3 per cent, compared with 56.9 per cent last year. Available seat miles flown decreased 0.5 per cent.

In international service, revenue passenger miles in October increased 4.3 per cent from 1980. Passenger load factor was 62.9 per cent, compared with 62.0 per cent last year. Available seat miles increased 2.9 per cent from October 1980.

Passenger load factor for the U.S. airlines, domestic and international, was 57.5 per cent, compared with 57.7 per cent in October last year, while available seat miles increased .04 per cent.

Load factor for the U.S. scheduled airlines during the first 10 months of 1981, was 58.7 per cent compared to 59.4 for the same period of 1980. Available seat miles decreased 3.6 per cent.

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PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

	DOMESTIC	+	INTERNATIONAL	=	TOTAL
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES FLOWN (000)					
October - 1981	15,418,978		3,650,258		19,069,236
October - 1980	15,654,413		3,498,475		19,152,888
% Change	-1.5		+4.3		-0.4
10 Months - 1981	160,941,101		37,330,299		198,271,400
10 Months - 1980	170,495,463		37,420,827		207,916,290
% Change	-5.6		-0.2		-4.6
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES FLOWN (000)					
October - 1981	27,375,448		5,803,139		33,178,587
October - 1980	27,524,864		5,641,318		33,166,182
% Change	-0.5		+2.9		+.04
10 Months - 1981	279,365,805		58,283,286		337,649,091
10 Months - 1980	291,681,512		58,540,139		350,221,651
% Change	-4.2		-0.4		-3.6
PASSENGER LOAD FACTOR (Per Cent)					
October - 1981	56.3		62.9		57.5
October - 1980	56.9		62.0		57.7
10 Months - 1981	57.6		64.0		58.7
10 Months - 1980	58.5		63.9		59.4

Carriers included: Air Cal, Air Florida, Air New England, Alaska, Aloha, American, Braniff International, Capitol, Continental, Delta, Eastern, Frontier, Hawaiian, Midway, Northwest, Ozark, Pan American, Piedmont, PSA, Republic, Texas International, Trans World, United, USAir, and Western.

Northwest data is not included in international figures.